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Wendy Sekulich(Gallagher)

My name is Wendy Sekulich. I am a retired teacher, wife, mother and grandmother who farms along side of my husband Art. I am a proud Metis woman who grew up in Saskatoon where I was active in my community through parenting, coaching, teaching, volunteering, and as a participant. I possess a Bachelor's Degree in Education, with certification in Restitution, Threat Assessment level 1 and 2, Mediation level 1 and 2 as well as WHIMIS. I have retired from 31 years of teaching in both rural and urban settings. I am now mixed organic farmer with my husband.

My parents taught me the importance of being a coop member from a very young age. The two numbers I could recite as a child were our coop number and our phone number.

After reconnecting with my high school grad escort in 2008 and marrying him, I now reside on our farm just outside of Kenaston. Since living here I have learned the importance Riverbend Coop plays in our community and understand its importance for all rural communities within Riverbend's geographical area. Our community is very reliant on our local coop gas bar and food store for many of their basic daily needs including offering employment opportunities.

I believe it's very important that we keep our money invested in our local communities.

I believe we need to do everything we can to keep our small communities alive, thriving and growing.

It is also very important to me that I support and give back to my community by representing you, our members at the Director level and to be your voice.

It's because of this I have chosen to have my name put forward to serve and support our members.

Thank you for your consideration and I look foreword to being your representative.

~Wendy A. Sekulich B.Ed

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Carman Fowler

My husband Clayton and I live on a farm east of Kenaston with our teenage son. Throughout much of the year, we spend our free time watching his final years' sporting events and in summer enjoy camping, gardening and time with family and friends. We are also intensely proud of our two adult sons, currently in the work force; one in Kenaston and one on a farm in the area.

I am the certified Administrator for the Villages of Kenaston and Bladworth, with more than 20 years of experience in municipal government. In addition, I also serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the Kenaston Community Recreation Board and am a Board member for the Kenaston Library.

I was promoted to Director of Riverbend Co-op in January 2024 after serving as an Associate Director in the year previous. I joined the Co-op Bursary Committee and was privileged to assist in choosing two graduating students to receive the annual Riverbend Bursary. I have been an Associate Director on the board for the last year growing more knowledge of the organization. I have enjoyed working with the Directors of the board and creating new relationships with employees around the servicing area. I would like to continue improving and creating new assets for the benefit of all the owners of the Riverbend Co-op.

Having completed both the first and second level Director Development Programs, I have gained the skills and perspective to assertively participate in strategic discussions and help with confident decisions on the Boards that I serve. I really enjoy learning and I am grateful to be a part of an organization like the Co-op, that creates meaningful opportunities in my home community of Kenaston and neighbouring communities.

I am seeking a position on the Board to ensure that the voices of Kenaston and area members are well represented and have input on the direction of Riverbend Coop.

Thank you for your consideration.

~ Carman Fowler

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Dixie Dean

Greetings, my name is Dixie Dean and I have decided to run for a position of a Director on the board for Riverbend Coop. I was born in Davidson and grew up on farm North East of town. My Husband Cory and I returned back to Davidson to raise our family in 2004 and coincidentally I started working at Riverbend Coop as the Deli Manager. We are now empty nesters and spend our time between are cabin, snowmobiling , seeking new adventures, and cherishing family time.

I have been working with Affinity Credit Union for 17 years holding various positions, I'm currently a Contact Centre Manager which gives me the advantage of working with staff and members across various Saskatchewan communities. Outside of the Credit Union I am also the Emergency Measures Officer for the town of Davidson, the Chair Person for Communities In Bloom, member of the Community Theatre, and the Davidson Fire Family.

I am interested in being on the board as I'm interested in working collectively with new and current members to build a better Coop for our community and surrounding area. Having these essential services keeps people in our community, creates jobs and is a drawing card to those looking to move to our community.

Part of the Coop is giving back and the more prosperous the Coop is the more it can give back to its members and to its community. I hope to be able to be involved in that process the best way I can.

~Dixie Dean